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We still imagine ourselves a nation of laws, not men. That is not merely an article of faith but a bedrock principle of the United States Constitution.

In drafting our founding compact, the Framers confronted a wrenching paradox. For the fledgling nation to survive – for it to have the security the Articles of Confederation failed to provide – awesome powers had to be concentrated in a chief executive, the president, empowered to act swiftly and decisively in times of peril. Yet, there was no greater threat to liberty – the defining American imperative, the very reason for creating a central government – than the concentration of unchecked power in a single government official. Consequently, the debates at the Philadelphia convention centered not on whether presidential power had to be effectively checked – a premise on which there was unanimity – but on how to do it: how to stop a rogue executive who abused his awesome powers, who imperiled liberty by becoming a law unto himself.

The Framers thus vested Congress with two checks on executive excess: the power of the purse and the power of impeachment. They are potent remedies, but they are also the only remedies. There are no others.

As *Faithless Execution* will demonstrate, it is a straightforward matter to plead articles of impeachment derived from these episodes – to establish “high crimes and misdemeanors,” a term of art borrowed from English law, signifying maladministration and abuses of power by holders of high public trust. To focus on the individual episodes, though, is to miss the overarching offense: the president’s willful violation of his solemn, constitutional oath to faithfully execute the laws. The modus operandi for the transformation he promised is to concentrate power into his own hands by flouting law – the Constitution, statutes and judicial rulings – and essentially daring the coordinate branches of government to stop him.

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Sharon says

Excellent case laid out by author. Easily readable to the lay person. Now, if only....

Baxter says

A short and very sad commentary on the lawlessness of the current President of the United States and his subordinates. Expertly laid out by a former federal prosecutor, the book is actually three sections: the constitutional means of controlling the executive branch of government and history (i.e. power of the purse, impeachment); seven plausible articles of impeachment; "notes" on background for the various acts committed by the current administration. The key to the book is actually in the title - "...Building the Political Case..." It is not difficult to prove "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" in the case outlined. The difficulty is in building a desire on the part of the American people for pursuing. Currently this means that about 2/3 of the American population is not in favor of impeachment. Without the political will, there is no case.

Willie says

This is a very good book and it's short. You only have to read half of it because the other half is dedicated to notes where the author got his materials from. It's a compelling reading specially if you want to discover more about Obama.

Some caveats, though: some sentences are very long making them complex, convoluted and thus, hard to understand. Believe me you have to read some of them twice to understand. There's a lot of esoteric vocabularies. I advise you to read it in an iPad or eReader where a dictionary is conveniently accessible.
